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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL OFFICERS (MILPOs)

SUBJECT: Revised Chapter 2 Prior Service Physical Examination Processing, (NGB-ARH Policy Memo #10-028)

1. References:

- a. AR 40-501, Standards of Medical Fitness, RAR 10 September 2008.
- b. Memorandum, NGB-ARS, subject: All States (Log Number POO-0048), Medical Processing of Prior Service Enlistees, 29 June 2000.
- c. Army National Guard Enlistment Criteria, 1 October 2006.

2. Purpose. This policy replaces NGB-ARH Policy Memorandum, subject: Chapter 2 Prior Service Physical Examination Processing, (NGB-ARH Policy Memo 07-021), dated 31 July 2007; and provides the authority for States and Territories to perform and complete Chapter 2 physical examinations IAW AR 40-501 on prior service applicants, current service members, and prior service AMEDD accessions. It also outlines the requirements to be completed for those applicants to meet Chapter 2 medical accession standards as outlined in reference 1a.

3. Limitations. States are advised of two constraints to this process; limited resources at the medical detachments, and funding. Ample providers exist at the Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) and funding is allocated at the MEPS for Chapter 2 accession physicals. NG6H (OMNG 2065) medical readiness funding is not authorized for the requirements of the physical (i.e.: laboratory, specialty consults, or contract services). If a State chooses to perform these physicals at other than a MEPS facility, these funding constraints will be strictly enforced.

4. Policy.

- a. In accordance with reference 1c; prior service applicants who were discharged for a physical disability must undertake a complete physical examination at MEPS.
- b. The following Chapter 2 physical examinations are authorized to be completed by the States with the exceptions as excluded above:
 - (1) Prior Service Enlistment.
 - (2) Prior Service Direct Appointment.
 - (3) Prior Service Commissioning.

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(4) Prior Service Officer Candidate School (OCS).

(5) Prior service AMEDD Accession with the following additional requirements:

(a) The physical and all test results will be forwarded via the Medical Action Tracking System (MATS) system to NGB-ARS for approval.

(b) These examinations will be limited to prior service Medical Corps (MC), Dental Corps (DC), Army Nurse Corps (AN), or Army Medical Specialist Corps officers (SP).

(c) Documentation for any historical or existing disability along with any Disability Board Action, whether through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or other source must accompany the completed physical examination.

(d) As with all waiver requests, a DD Form 2807-2 will accompany the request in National Guard – Medical Action Tracking System (NG-MATS).

c. A Fort Rucker stamped Chapter 2 flight physical requires no review by NGB-ARS.

d. If civilian contractors are used, physical exams must be conducted per current regulation and policy and must be reviewed by the State approval authority (MC officer). The Reserve Health Readiness Program (RHRP) may not be used to accomplish Chapter 2 physical examinations. Medical examinations are accomplished by any of the following components, agencies, or civilian physicians in the order of priority listed:

(1) Army National Guard medical units.

(a) Physician Assistants (65D) and Family Nurse Practitioners (66P) may actively participate in any phase of the physical examination for which they are credentialed.

(b) A supervising MC officer must review and countersign both the DD Form 2807 and DD Form 2808 (see AR 40-501, paragraph 8-7a) for all examinations conducted by other than MC officers.

(c) All physical examinations conducted at the State level by other than MEPS facilities must be reviewed by the State medical approval authority - a MC officer.

(2) Other military medical units or facilities, Air National Guard, Active Component, or other Reserve Components having the technical capability of performing the examinations.

(3) Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities.

(4) United States Public Health Service (USPHS) facilities.

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(5) Civilian Physicians, Physician Assistants, and Nurse Practitioners that are legally licensed, credentialed and privileged to practice medicine. These providers must have the appropriate regulations, instruction, training and materials, in order to ensure a militarily appropriate physical examination is conducted, prior to the accomplishment of any examinations.

e. Quality Assurance/Control (QA/QC)

(1) QA/QC of the physical examination processing is essential. Adherence to Chapter 2 medical requirements is critical to ensuring a medically fit and ready force for both Federal and State missions. The State Surgeon or medical approval authority - a MC officer - will be responsible for QA/QC of these Chapter 2 physical examinations.

(2) A valid QA/QC Program shall require that the State Surgeon or designated approval authority - a MC officer - review prior service Chapter 2 physical examinations completed at facilities other than MEPS. The reviewer will ensure:

(a) The PULHES profile is documented in AR 40-501, Chapter 7.

(b) The Report of Medical Examination is documented in AR 40-501.

(c) The medical standards used to qualify or disqualify the applicant for the program for which they are applying are contained in AR 40-501 (particularly Chapter 2).

(d) The examination must be signed by the provider that conducted the examination and the supervising physician if required.

(e) The purpose of the examination is clearly noted.

(f) All required elements are annotated and legible.

(g) The examination must be approved and signed by the medical approval authority - a MC officer.

(3) Oversight of the QA/QC Program for the prior service Chapter 2 physical examinations remains with the Chief Surgeon, Army National Guard (NGB-ARS).

f. There is no change to the current medical waiver request process. The Chief Surgeon, Army National Guard, as delegated by the Office of the Surgeon General, is the medical waiver approval authority for the ARNG.


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